

Press Release

Spring Clean-up Scheduled for June 4 and June 5

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The annual Lewis County Spring Clean-up Free Disposal Event will take place Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and June 5, at the Central Transfer Station in Centralia and the East Lewis County Transfer Station near Morton. The events will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

The Lewis County Department of Community Development, Solid Waste Utility, is sponsoring the event and offering free disposal to area residents, giving citizens an opportunity to clean up around their homes and neighborhoods.

"We are hoping that residents will take this opportunity to spruce up their yards and neighborhoods to make Lewis County a little bit cleaner," commented Pat Campbell, Utility Manager.

The event is open only to residents of Lewis County, including those living in all incorporated cities. The event will be limited to one trip per household, Campbell stated. Free disposal will be offered for household refuse and yard debris only. Customers are reminded to cover their loads of garbage, when transporting them to the transfer stations.

No commercial vehicles will be allowed to dispose of commercial waste at no charge. Vehicles with commercial license plates and signage will be turned away, she added.

No tires, appliances or hazardous waste will be accepted at this event, and the recycling center will be closed. The next plastics recycling event will take place on July 2 at the Centralia facility.

Another business in the area accepts certain appliances for free and will be open on Saturday, June 4. Hand-n-Hand Recycling, 206 Floral Street in Centralia, accepts non-refrigerated appliances (no refrigerators or freezers). Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hazo Hut, the County's household hazardous waste facility at the transfer station in Centralia, will also be closed on June 4. Otherwise, it is open Saturdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for free disposal

of hazardous waste from households, and by appointment for small quantities of hazardous waste from businesses.

The Spring Clean-up Event will be on a first-come, first-served basis, Campbell explained. Transfer Station workers at both sites will monitor the number of vehicles coming through each hour to determine the number of vehicles that can be processed during the final hour of each day's event. At 4:30 p.m., the line may be cut off to make sure the facilities close at their designated times.

Transfer station officials ask that Spring Clean-up participants have patience, as there may be long lines. Campbell reminded customers to bring extra people to help them unload their vehicles. Also, if vehicles are not running properly, drivers need to be prepared for possible overheating engines and dead batteries.

Any one with questions on the Spring Clean-up Event may call 740-1451 or 1-800-749-5980.